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HOW TO INTERPRET EARLY RETURNS

Here's our do-it-yourself kit for trend-spotting Tuesday night when election returns come in.

PRESIDENCY

You'll get your first clues from these states (and don't pay any attention to early scattered reports).

CONNECTICUT: Polls close at 7 p. m. EST. Votes are counted fast. Ike carried it by 129,363 last time. If his total is much under this, get set for a long, hard night. Even if he better his vote here, it doesn't guarantee a landslide. Farm states must check in before you'll know.

MARYLAND: First indications here as to border-state voting, and Negro voting. First returns come from Baltimore which gave Stevenson 51.7 per cent in '52, tho Eisenhower won state by 104,087.

TENNESSEE: Another border state, but wait! Caution! First returns come from Republican east Tennessee, where polls close three hours earlier than in cities. Cities will whittle Ike's vote.

NEW YORK: Stevenson got 55.4 per cent of New York City vote last time, must better this considerably if he's to win state. Polls stay open till 9 p. m. EST, but count is fast.

ILLINOIS: Here you look for farm trends in first reports from down state. They're slow, but usually ahead of Iowa and Minnesota in reporting. First Illinois returns will come from Chicago. Stevenson must take Windy City blg, if he's to have a chance.

SENATE

Thing to remember is that Democrats could lose control by net loss of a single seat (if Republicans keep the Vice Presidency). So outcome may not be sure till late returns are in from three Pacific Coast states, where two Democrats, one Republican, seek re-election. Meanwhile, watch these:

CONNECTICUT AND MARYLAND: Both have Republican senators, both must win if GOP's to have any chance of taking the Senate. Unless it's a landslide in the cities, you won't know till rural votes are in.

NEW YORK: Upstate vote, usually Republican, won't be tallied till after midnight. GOP counts on picking up a seat here, with Javits.

PENNSYLVANIA: Democrats hope to pick up seat now held by Sen. Duff (R.). But their man Clark must get a top-heavy lead in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to do it.

KENTUCKY: If two Democrats win—Clements and Wetherby—party's likely to hold the Senate. If Republicans win both, they're likely to capture the Senate. If they split, forget this as a barometer.

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HOUSE

You watch five spots—like this:

CONNECTICUT: In Hartford's First District, Democrats won by 23,540 in 1952 and the House ended up Republican. Democrats won by 36,409 in 1954, and House went Democratic. So watch size of margin there. Second and Third districts are usually Republican. If Democrats win either, they'll likely keep the House.

DELAWARE: One seat here. Republicans got it in '52, Democrats in '54. As Delaware, so the House?

KENTUCKY: Size of the Republican majority in Louisville's Third District may tell the story. John M. Robsion Jr. (R.) won it by 14,695 in 1952; by 573 in 1954.

There'll Be More A-Tests

Look for new American tests of atomic devices in Nevada, in 1957, and at Pacific proving ground in 1958.

Atomic Energy Commission won't comment, tho it's reported tests are being planned.

British have long planned to test their first hydrogen bomb in 1957, at Christmas Island in South Pacific.

Because of campaign debate on bomb tests, AEC or Defense Department requests for money to conduct such operations will be scrutinized by next Congress.

And Joint Committee on Atomic Energy may conduct a full-scale investigation of dangers connected with fall-out, in next session. There's talk of calling foreign, as well as domestic, experts.

Dulles Aroused Ike's Ire

Despite those denials that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will resign . . .

Word in Administration circles is that President Eisenhower is angry at both Secretary Dulles and his brother, Allen Dulles, who heads Central Intelligence Agency, because they were not properly informed on Middle East situation. There seems to be a chance both will go.

Presidential ire is also directed at Winthrop Aldrich, Ambassador to Britain, and Douglas Dillon, Ambassador to France. Neither found out in advance what British and French were up to. Aldrich sent word, after talking at a reception to Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd, that Middle East problem would be handled peacefully.